

Project Name: STOB-TB / Support to TB Control in India
Agreement Type: *Field Support (Cooperative Agreement)*
Duration: *On-going with yearly agreements*
Geographic Scope: *All India with focus on Haryana and Tamil Nadu*
Technical Assistance Agencies: *WHO*
Implementing Agency: *WHO, Govt. of India and TRC Chennai*

DESCRIPTION:

India's Revised National TB Control Programme (RNTCP) uses the WHO-recommended Directly Observed Treatment, Short-course (DOTS) strategy to control TB. The USAID support to TB control in India, through WHO, funds a variety of activities to support RNTCP. These activities include Model DOTS Project (MDP) of TRC Chennai, involvement of Medical Colleges and private sector, operations research, TB/HIV and State strengthening. In addition, the project supports a part of the WHO technical assistance to RNTCP, in several states and in the area of TB/HIV collaboration.

In recent years the RNTCP has undergone rapid expansion with improving treatment success and case detection rates. The entire State of Haryana is now covered with DOTS. TRC Chennai continues to lead in the area of operations research and is also a supra-national mycobacteriological reference laboratory. Technical assistance is being provided to several states by locally hired consultants trained and monitored by WHO. Similarly, consultants working on TB/HIV are providing technical assistance to several states.

KEY ACTIVITIES:

- The MDP and related operations research by TRC Chennai;
- Involvement of Medical Colleges and private sector in RNTCP;
- Technical assistance for RNTCP, for TB and TB/HIV collaborative activities; and
- State strengthening through capacity building of State level labs and training and demonstration centres.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS:

- DOTS expansion to 22 million population of Haryana completed;
- TRC Chennai continues to address key operations research needs of RNTCP, and functions as a supra-national reference lab;
- Over 130 out of 180 medical colleges in the country have adopted DOTS strategy for diagnosis and treatment of TB, and are continuing the process of mainstreaming DOTS into their medical curriculum; and
- RNTCP is today the fastest expanding DOTS program in the world with case detection at 69% (global target for 2005 is 70%) and treatment success at 86% (global target 85%).

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